

MEETING #17 March 26

At a Joint Meeting of the Madison County Board of Supervisors and Madison County School Board on March 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Thrift Road Complex:

PRESENT: Eddie Dean, Chairman
James L. Arrington, Vice-Chairman
William L. Crigler, Member
Bob Miller, Member
Clark Powers, Member
Lisa R. Kelley, County Administrator
V. R. Shackelford, III, County Attorney

Chairman, Eddie Dean called the Joint Meeting to order and a quorum was established.

All members of the School Board were present, as well as Superintendent, Brenda Tanner

Discussion: The School's Long-Range Planning Committee

The Madison County Board of Supervisors expressed concern over participating on the 33-member School Committee, formed to plan improvements for the High School and Middle School complex. The Board of Supervisors felt there is an inherent conflict with participating on the committee and then later having to with the following vote recorded: as Board of Supervisors members on the matter of whether funding would be available for the project. Additionally, the Board expressed concerns as to the apparent potential scope of the project and whether the Committee will be adequately focusing on distinguishing needs of the School from desires.

The School Board expressed they're taking a grassroots approach to planning the project, with no preconceived notions of where to go with the project, and felt that getting the Board of Supervisors involved would make the planning process more transparent for the Board of Supervisors. The School Board wants to make sure that in planning the project, everyone makes sure to dream a little and think out of the box.

By consensus it was agreed that no Board of Supervisors members would sit on the Committee, but that Board of Supervisors members would be welcome to attend any meeting.

Discussion: FY09 Budget

The Board of Supervisors notified the School Board that it will be asking the School to “flat line” its budget for the upcoming year. Major concerns include:

- 1) Amounts of money routinely over-budgeted each year; even with large Expenditures each June; and
- 2) Continued lack of capital planning for all school facilities

The School Board responded that any reduction of the requested budget will cause “pain.”

Discussion: Additional Joint Meetings

The two (2) Boards discussed the desirability of meeting jointly on a more frequent basis, to facilitate better communications; agreed to schedule another Joint Meeting for mid-May.

With no further action being required by the Board, on motion of James L. Arrington, seconded by Clark Powers, Chairman, Eddie Dean adjourned the Board Workshop, with the following vote recorded:

Eddie Dean	Aye
James L. Arrington	Aye
William L. Crigler	Aye
Bob Miller	Aye
Clark Powers	Aye

Date: March 27, 2008